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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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| Application Number   | 09/639,690-Conf. #3073 |
| Filing Date          | August 16, 2000        |
| First Named Inventor | Andrew K. Benson       |
| Group Art Unit       | 1636                   |
| Examiner Name        | L. Gansheroff          |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 101997-0005            |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$758.00** to cover RCE fee and one extra dependent claim is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Name (Print/Type) | Tram Anh T. Nguyen | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 47,257        |
| Signature         |                    | Date                              | June 26, 2002 |

**Request for Continued Examination**

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 758.00

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☐ Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number 141449

Deposit Account Name Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments

☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 101      | 740      | 201      | 370      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 106      | 330      | 206      | 165      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107      | 510      | 207      | 255      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108      | 740      | 208      | 370      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114      | 160      | 214      | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims       | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 23                 | -22** = 1    | 18.00          | 18.00    |
| Independent Claims | 2            | -4** = 0       | 00.00    |
| Multiple Dependent |              |                |          |

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description  |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 103      | 18       | 203      | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102      | 84       | 202      | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104      | 280      | 204      | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109      | 84       | 209      | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110      | 18       | 210      | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 18.00

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 105      | 130      | 205      | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 127      | 50       | 227      | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |          |
| 139      | 130      | 139      | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147      | 2,520    | 147      | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 112      | 920*     | 112      | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113      | 1,840*   | 113      | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115      | 110      | 215      | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116      | 400      | 216      | 200      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117      | 920      | 217      | 460      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118      | 1,440    | 218      | 720      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128      | 1,960    | 228      | 980      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119      | 320      | 219      | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120      | 320      | 220      | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121      | 280      | 221      | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138      | 1,510    | 138      | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140      | 110      | 240      | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141      | 1,280    | 241      | 640      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142      | 1,280    | 242      | 640      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143      | 460      | 243      | 230      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144      | 620      | 244      | 310      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122      | 130      | 122      | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123      | 50       | 123      | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 126      | 180      | 126      | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581      | 40       | 581      | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146      | 740      | 246      | 370      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 149      | 740      | 249      | 370      | For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))              |          |
| 179      | 740      | 279      | 370      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | 740.00   |
| 169      | 900      | 169      | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 740.00

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